

BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE:

RONALD LEE THOMAS, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

The West Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") and Ronald Lee Thomas, M.D., ("Dr. Thomas") freely and voluntarily enter into the following Consent Order pursuant to W. Va. Code § 30-3-14, *et seq.*

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Dr. Thomas held License Number 20749 in the State of West Virginia, which license has been in an automatically suspended status since July 1, 2007, for not submitting required continuing medical education information, and Dr. Thomas's address of record with the Board is in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

2. In October 2009, Dr. Thomas requested reactivation of his license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia, and in the course of submitting documents in support of such licensure, it became evident that Dr. Thomas had provided false information on both his 2003 and 2005 license renewal applications, when he attested on each that he had completed the mandatory two (2) hours of continuing medical education coursework in the subject of end-of-life care, including pain management.

3. Dr. Thomas meets the requirements for active licensure under the West Virginia Medical Practice Act, as he acquired continuing medical education hours in end-of-life care including pain management in December 1, 2009, but for him to receive reactivation of his license without an appropriate condition and limitation upon his active license, under all the circumstances of this case, could adversely affect the health and welfare of patients.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Probable cause exists to deny Dr. Thomas an active license to practice medicine and surgery in this State due to the provisions of W. Va. Code § 30-3-14(c)(17) and 11 CSR 1A 12.1(a), relating to presenting false statements in connection with an application for a license.

2. The Board determined that under all of the circumstances it is appropriate to grant Dr. Thomas an active license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia, provided he agrees to this action against his license.

3. It is appropriate to waive the commencement of proceedings against Dr. Thomas and to proceed without the filing of formal charges in a Complaint and Notice of Hearing, provided he complies with the condition and limitation set forth herein.

CONSENT

Ronald Lee Thomas, M.D., by affixing his signature hereon, agrees solely and exclusively for purposes of this agreement and the entry of the Order provided for

and stated herein, and proceedings conducted in accordance with this Order to the following:

1. Dr. Thomas acknowledges that he is fully aware that, without his consent, no permanent legal action may be taken against him except after a hearing held in accordance with W. Va. Code § 30-3-14(h) and §29A-5-1, *et seq.*;
2. Dr. Thomas acknowledges that he has the following rights, among others: the right to a formal hearing before the West Virginia Board of Medicine, the right to reasonable notice of said hearing, the right to be represented by counsel at his own expense, the right to cross-examine witnesses against him, and the right to appeal under Chapter 29A of the West Virginia Code in the event of a final order or decision adverse to him;
3. Dr. Thomas waives all such rights;
4. Dr. Thomas consents to the entry of this Order relative to his practice of medicine in the State of West Virginia; and,
5. Dr. Thomas understands that this Order is considered public information.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Board, and on the basis of the consent of Dr. Thomas, the West Virginia Board of Medicine hereby **ORDERS** as follows:


1. Dr. Thomas is granted **ACTIVE** status for his currently automatically suspended license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of West Virginia, License Number 20749, effective upon date of entry of this Consent Order.

2. Dr. Thomas shall pay three-hundred dollars (\$300) for providing false information to the Board on two (2) applications submitted to the Board, as set forth in the Findings of Fact of this Consent Order.

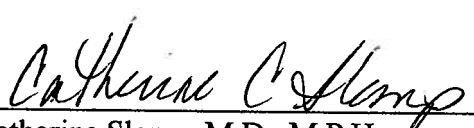
3. On or before March 26, 2010, Dr. Thomas shall pay to the Board three-hundred dollars (\$300), two-hundred dollars (\$200) of which is designated a fine for his deficiency of two (2) hours of continuing education in end-of-life care including pain management during the required periods, one-hundred dollars (\$100) of which is designated administrative costs, the receipt of which three-hundred dollars (\$300) is acknowledged by the signatures of the President and Secretary hereon.

The foregoing was entered this 15th day of March, 2010.


WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE



John A. Wade, Jr., M.D.
President



Catherine Slemp, M.D., M.P.H.
Secretary



Ronald Lee Thomas., M.D.

Date: 5 MARCH 2010

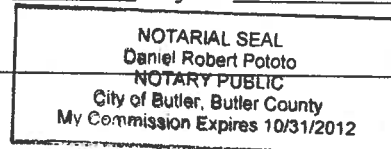
STATE OF Pennsylvania

COUNTY OF Butler, to-wit:

I, Daniel R. Pototo, a Notary Public for said
county and state do hereby certify that Ronald Lee Thomas, M.D., whose name is signed
on the previous page has this day acknowledged the same before me.

Given under my hand this 5 day of February, 2010.

My Commission expires



Daniel Robert Pototo
Notary Public